as to be safe for the inhabitants and so as not to present an un-
sightly appearance.   .

Housing is in short supply for families of all economic
levels in the Biscoe area. Of about a dozen vacant houses lo-
cated during the housing survey, only one was rated as being
sound.

The black citizens of the area reside mainly in the southeast
and southwest sections of Biscoe, along Bruton and Leach Streets
and streets leading off from them. Most of the homes in these
areas are without municipal water and sewer service. Many of the
homes are on unpaved, often unimproved streets. Since there are
no municipal utilities, some of these houses are crowded too
close together to safely use septic tanks and outdoor toilets.
Lot sizes under these conditions should be a minimum of 20,000
square feet in size. Some of these lots appear to be approxi-
mately a fourth that size (see "Examples of Poor Land Use De-
velopment" map on page 39).

Most of the recent residential growth in Biscoe has taken
place in the less populous northeast and northwest sections of
town. In the northeast this has been along Pine Street north of
East Main Street and more recently in a new development along
Brendana Drive. The development in the northwest is out Lambert
Road. Residences in these areas are located on ample size lots
and appear to be in the price range of $15,000 to $25,000.
Greater care in street layout has been taken. However, further
planning and coordination is still needed in this respect.
Efforts should be made to encourage development of the vacant
land within the corporate limits before new development is en-
couraged in the fringe areas.

Through careful maintenance, some of the existing residen-
tial areas can continue to be pleasant places to live. Several
areas, particularly in the black communities in the southeast
and southwest sections of town, will require major improvements.
The "Housing Conditions" map on page 46 clearly indicates these
areas of great need. The "Housing Conditions Survey" section
further elaborates on this matter.